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WHAT IS IT?
I DON'T KNOW... SOME KIND OF DNALIEN TECH, I GUESS?
WELL, SINCE HE SEEMED TO BE RUNNING TOWARDS IT ...
THE PAST IS THE KEY TO THE FUTURE
WRITER • JASON HALL ARTIST • MIN S. KU
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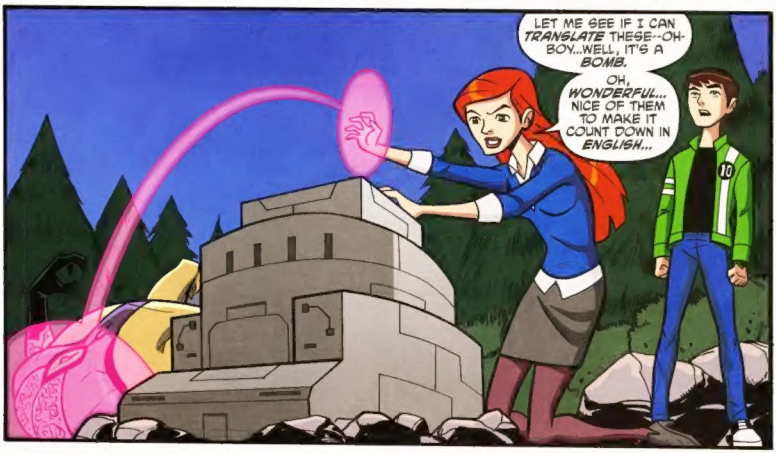
BEN 10: ALIEN FORCE CREATED BY MAN OF ACTION
...I KNOW HOW WE CAN FIND OUT.
TELL US WHAT THIS IS, YOU SLIME!
DNALIEN GENETIC CODE RECOGNIZED-- BEGINNING COUNTDOWN SEQUENCE. 60...

THAT'S NOT GOOD...
BRILLIANT! YOU ACTIVATED THE THING AND KNOCKED THE ONLY ONE WITH THE ANSWERS UNCONSCIOUS!
I DIDN'T SEE YOU STEPPING UP WITH A MASTER PLAN!
59... 58... 57...

EASY, BOYS. THE RISING TESTOSTERONE LEVELS CAN'T BE HELPING--AND, BESIDES, I'VE GOT AN IDEA...


LET ME SEE IF I CAN TRANSLATE THESE--OH-BOY...WELL, IT'S A BOMB.
OH, WONDERFUL... NICE OF THEM TO MAKE IT COUNT DOWN IN ENGLISH...
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IT WAS PLANTED HERE MANY YEARS AGO BY THE HIGHBREED WHEN THEY FIRST DEVISED THEIR PLAN TO "CLEANSE" THE EARTH OF ITS "FILTHY RACES". OH, NICE...

IT'S SORT OF A DOOMSDAY/FINAL-SOLUTION DEVICE MEANT TO DESTROY THE PLANET IF THINGS DON'T GO THEIR WAY.

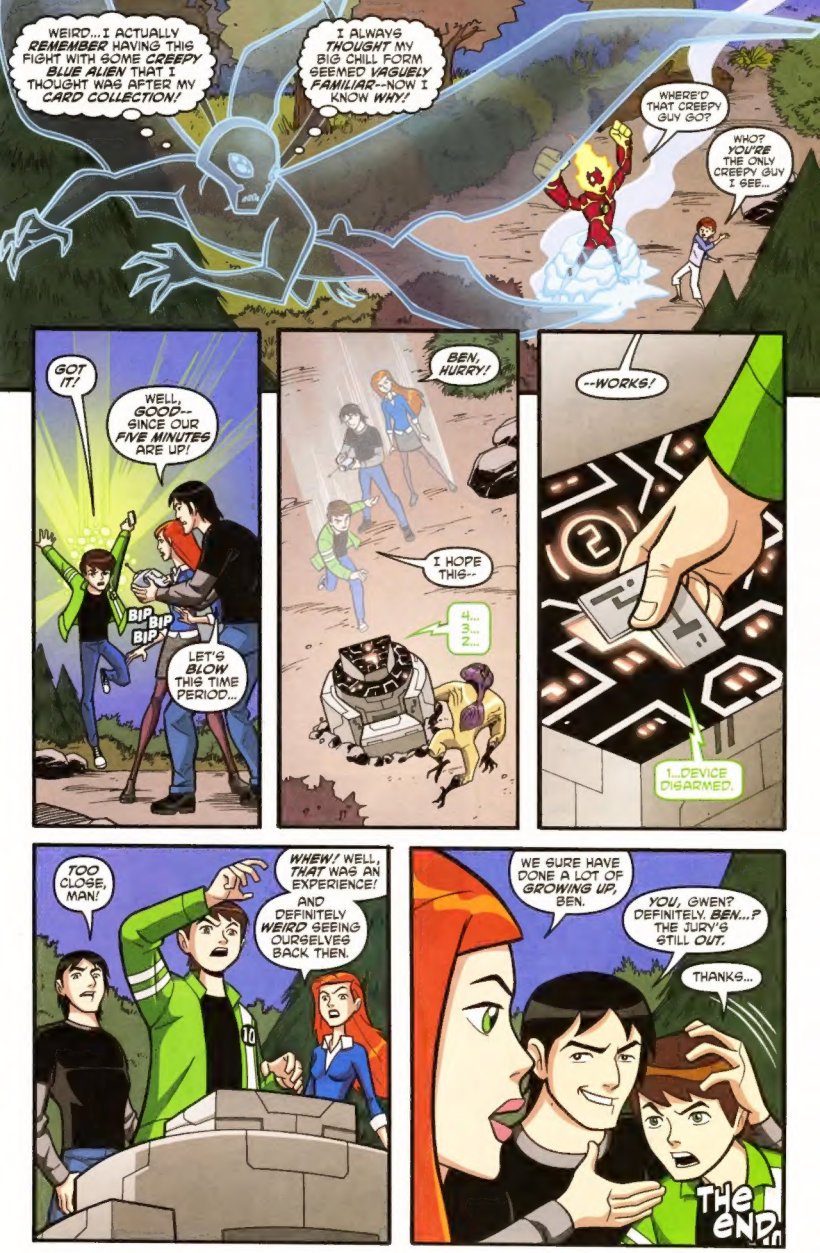
AND THE ONLY WAY TO DISARM IT...IS WITH A KEY-DEVICE.
A KEY. HUH? WELL, THIS GUY DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S GOT ANY POCKETS, SO...
31... 30... 29...
WAIT... THERE'S SOMETHING FAMILIAR ABOUT THIS SHAPE...
YEAH, IT'S SQUARE. JUST LIKE YOU.
NO, I GOT IT! IT'S THE SAME SHAPE AS THIS WEIRD METAL THING I FOUND NEAR HERE DURING THAT SUMMER GWEN AND I WERE TRAVELING WITH GRANDPA MAX!
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS, THOUGH. I KEPT IT AS A KEEPSAKE FOR AWHILE--
--BUT I DON'T REMEMBER WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO IT...
IF THERE WAS ONLY SOME WAY WE COULD GET IT!
WELLLL... I MAY HAVE SOMETHING THAT COULD HELP...

OKAY, HERE'S THE DEAL. IT'S HIGHLY ILLEGAL, SO I'VE NEVER MENTIONED IT BEFORE.
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT MY...COLORFUL PAST.
IT'S A PIECE OF "LEVEL 10" TECH THAT SHOULDN'T EVEN BE IN THIS ARM OF THE GALAXY, LET ALONE EARTH.
IT'S A "TEMPORAL BOOMERANG" THAT'LL ALLOW US TO TAKE ONE FIVE-MINUTE ROUND TRIP... BACK IN TIME.
PERFECT! WE CAN JUST GO BACK A COUPLE MINUTES AND STOP OURSELVES FROM ARMING THE THING!
DO I HAVE TO EXPLAIN TIME PARADOXES TO YOU? WE NEED TO GO BACK TO WHEN YOU KNOW WHO HAD THE KEY AND GET IT.
LOOK, JUST PICK A TIME--THINK OF WHEN YOU WANT TO GO--
--AND I PRESS THIS BUTTON, AND WE'RE GONE--
4
3...
2...
1...

5 YEARS AGO.
THREE... TWO... ONE! OKAY, THAT'S IT, BEN TENNYSON!
IF YOU DON'T GIVE ME BACK MY BOOK OF SPELLS, I'LL CAST A TRANSFERENCE SPELL BETWEEN YOU AND A BANANA SLUG--
--AND I'LL FEEL SORRY FOR THE SLUG!
"OH, MY SPELL BOOK, BLAH-BLAH-BLAH"--IT'S NOT EVEN YOURS, IT WAS CHARMCASTER'S!
AND I ALREADY FEEL SORRY FOR THE SLUG. IT'S PROBABLY WHAT GRANDPA'S COOKING UP FOR DINNER!
AND IF YOU HAD ANY REAL SKILLS, YOU'D TRANSFER YOUR PERSONALITY TO SOMETHING A LOT LESS NAGGING!
GEEZ, TENNYSON--WERE YOU ANNOYING.
ME? WHAT ABOUT HER?
NAH, SHE'S CUTE.
AHEM--MAYBE WE SHOULD GET BACK TO THE TASK AT HAND?
OKAY, LET'S SEE... AROUND THIS TIME, I THINK I STILL HAD THAT KEY THING IN THE BOX WITH MY SUMO SLAMMER CARDS.
I CAN JUST SNEAK INTO THE RUST BUCKET AND GET IT!

AND SINCE I DON'T REMEMBER HAVING EVER MET MY 15-YEAR-OLD SELF FROM THE FUTURE--
--I BETTER DISGUISE MYSELF JUST TO BE SAFE. BIG CHILL!
NOW YOU'RE GETTING THE IDEA. BUT WE STILL NEED TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T RUN INTO OUR YOUNGER SELVES.
NO SWEAT.
YEAH, RIGHT...
I WAS CUTE, HUH...?
HEH. WELL...
I'LL SHOW YOU SKILLS. MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING IN HERE TO MAKE YOU SMELL BETTER...
THERE SHE GOES, WITH HER UGLY FACE BACK IN A BOOK. ANY WAY I CAN CONVINCE YOU TO KEEP IT THERE?
GOOD ONE, BEN...
NOW WHERE DID I KEEP MY SUMO SLAMMER CARDS...?

IT'S HERE!
HEY! DROP THE SUMO SLAMMER CARDS, PAL!
IT'S HERO TIME!
FWOOOSH
THAT REALLY BURNS ME UP! DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG IT TOOK ME TO BUILD THAT COLLECTION?
I ALWAYS DID HAVE A TEMPER.
TIME TO COOL OFF!
SHOOSH
BEN...?


WEIRD... I ACTUALLY REMEMBER HAVING THIS FIGHT WITH SOME CREEPY BLUE ALIEN THAT I THOUGHT WAS AFTER MY CARD COLLECTION!
I ALWAYS THOUGHT MY BIG CHILL FORM SEEMED VAGUELY FAMILIAR--NOW I KNOW WHY!
WHERE'D THAT CREEPY GUY GO?
WHO? YOU'RE THE ONLY CREEPY GUY I SEE...
GOT IT!
WELL, GOOD-- SINCE OUR FIVE MINUTES ARE UP!
BIP BIP BIP
LET'S BLOW THIS TIME PERIOD...
BEN, HURRY!
I HOPE THIS--
4... 3... 2...
--WORKS!
1...DEVICE DISARMED.
TOO CLOSE, MAN!
WHEW! WELL, THAT WAS AN EXPERIENCE!
AND DEFINITELY WEIRD SEEING OURSELVES BACK THEN.
WE SURE HAVE DONE A LOT OF GROWING UP, BEN.
YOU, GWEN? DEFINITELY. BEN...? THE JURY'S STILL OUT.
THANKS...
THE END.

AKU, WHAT'S THAT YOU ARE WEARING? OH, THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL!
WELL I DON'T LIKE THEM!

SPARKLY AREN'T THEY, MYA AND DAVID? I WEAR THEM ESPECIALLY FOR THE OCCASION, AS I TELL THE TALE OF--
AKU'S FAIRY TALES: SANDARELLA: A SHOE STORY
writer: JIM ALEXANDER
artist: PHILIP MOY
letterer: TRAVIS LANHAM
colorist: HEROIC AGE
editor: SEAN RYAN
SAMURAI JACK created by GENNDY TARTAKOVSKY
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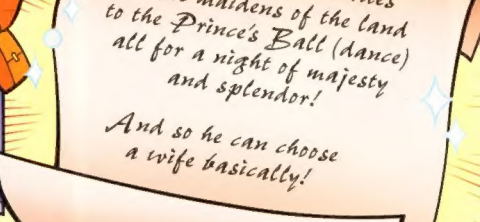
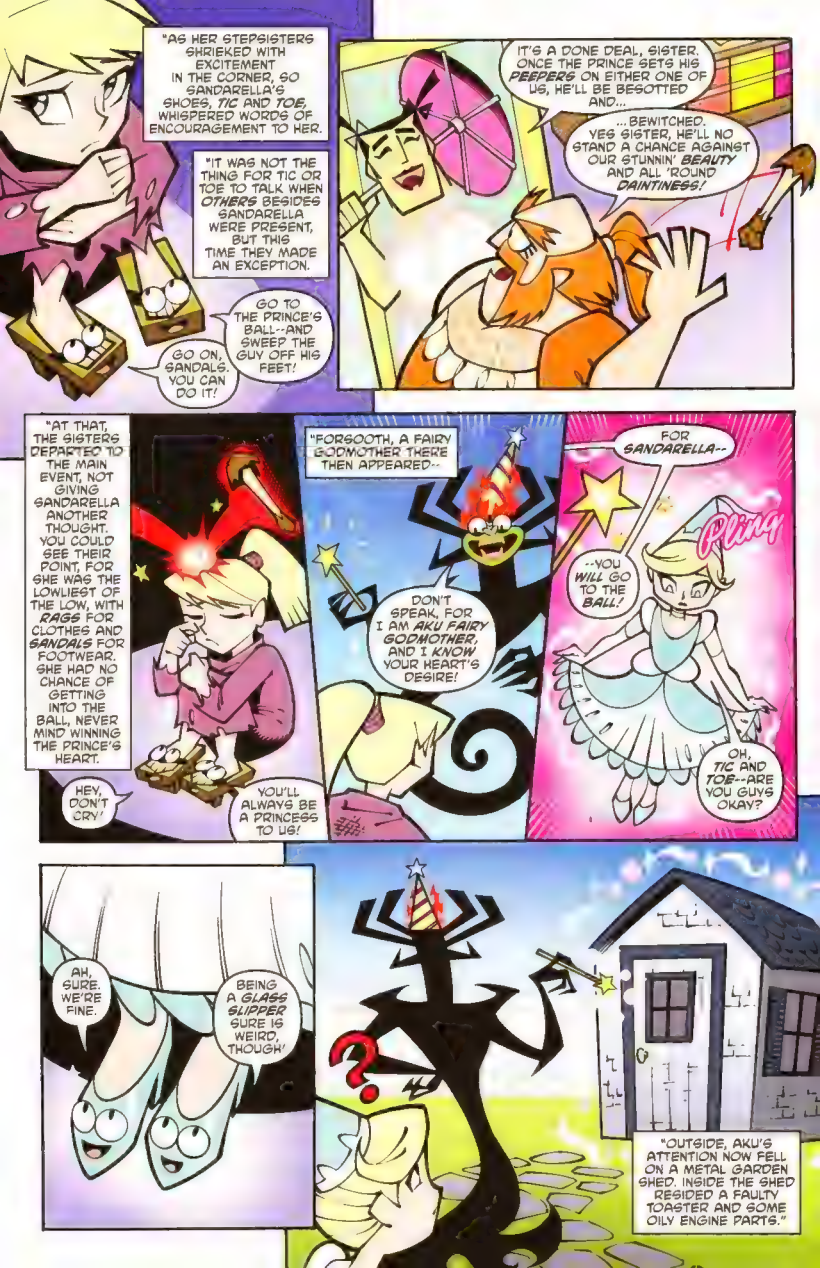
gleam

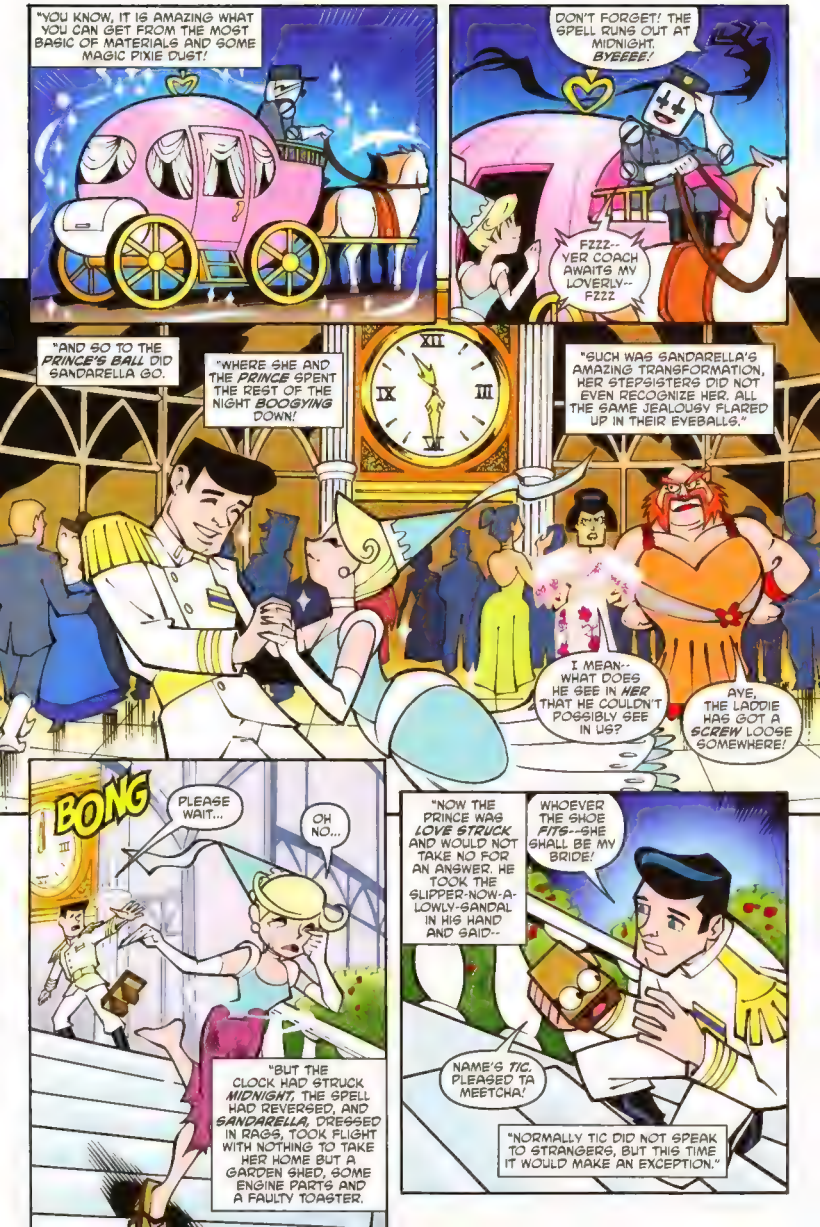
"IN A PLACE FAR, FAR AWAY, WHERE ONE'S STATUS IS DETERMINED BY THE OPULENCE OF THEIR FOOTWEAR--
"--THERE LIVED A GIRL NAMED SANDARELLA, A LOWLY SHOE SHOP GIRL WHO WORE VERY PLAIN SANDALS INDEED.

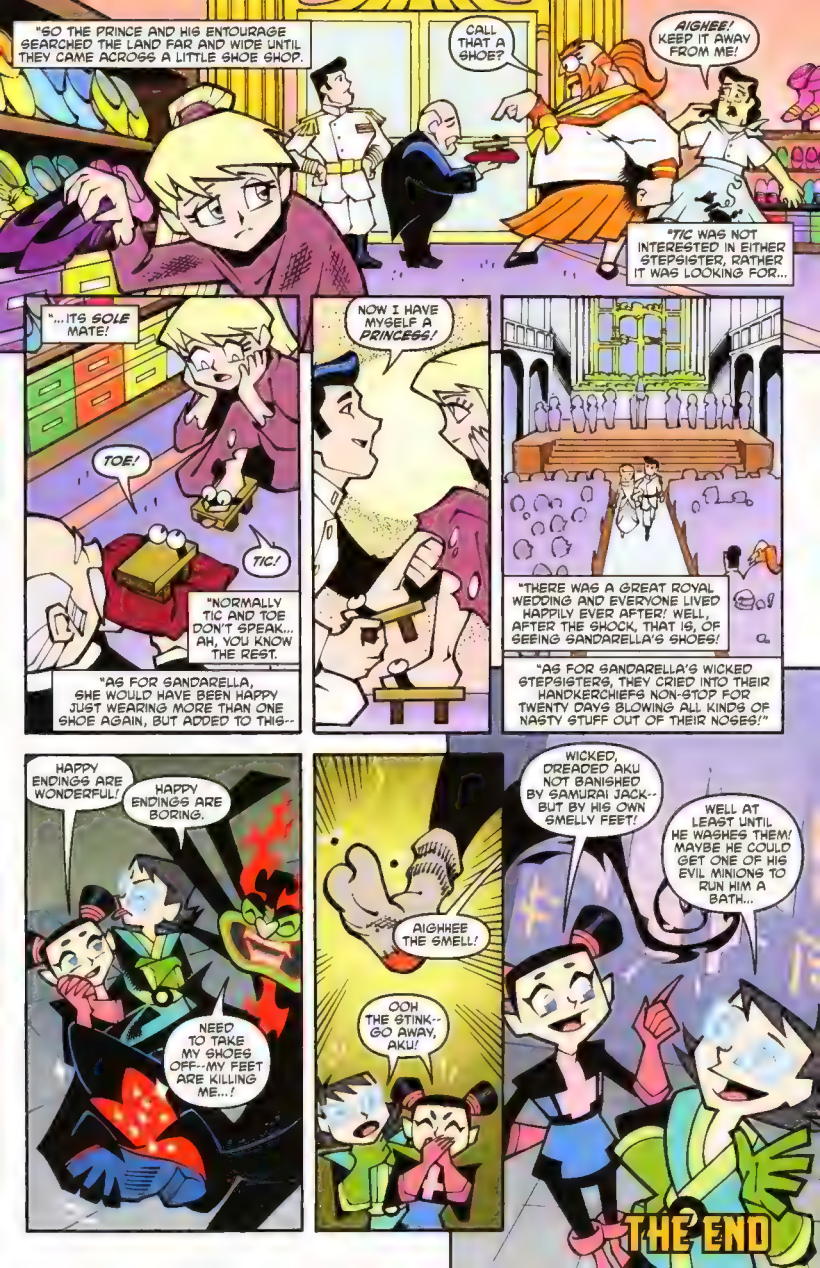
"SANDARELLA--OR SANDALS FOR SHORT-- HAD TWO STEPSISTERS NAMED JACKASTASIA AND SCOTSELLA, WHO BOTH WORE DIAMOND-ENCRUSTED PLATFORM SHOES.
HOO WEE! SANDALS, WE'RE BACK!
HAVIN' GIVEN OUR BOOTS A GOOD WALKIN'.

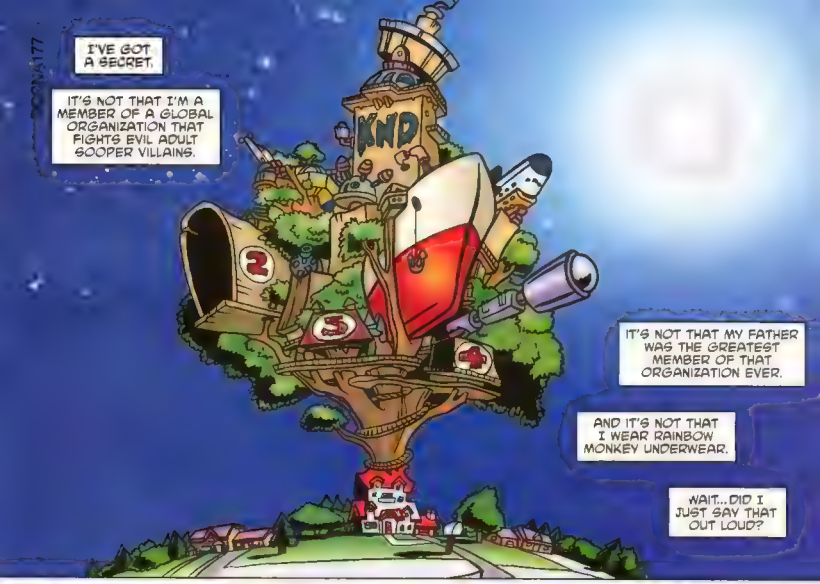
"EVEN THOUGH SANDARELLA WAS A HARD AND HONEST WORKER, HER SNOOTY STEPSISTERS, WITH THEIR FLASHY SHOES, LOOKED DOWN ON SANDALS AND HER... UMM... SANDALS.
AH, DEAR SISTER, YOU WILL NEVER AMOUNT TO MUCH. YOUR SHOES LACK THE NECESSARY... SOPHISTICATION.
MUNCH-- MUNCH-- BURRP!
"FORSOOTH! A SPECIAL INVITATION HAS ARRIVED."

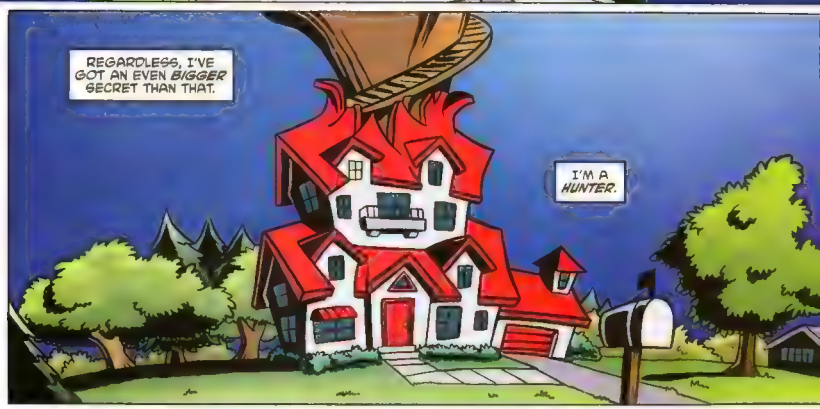

Prince Reagent invites all the maidens of the land to the Prince's Ball (dance) all for a night of majesty and splendor!
And so he can choose a wife basically!


"AS HER STEPSISTERS SHRIEKED WITH EXCITEMENT IN THE CORNER, SO SANDARELLA'S SHOES, TIC AND TOE, WHISPERED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO HER.
"IT WAS NOT THE THING FOR TIC OR TOE TO TALK WHEN OTHERS BESIDES SANDARELLA WERE PRESENT, BUT THIS TIME THEY MADE AN EXCEPTION.
GO ON, SANDALS. YOU CAN DO IT!
GO TO THE PRINCE'S BALL--AND SWEEP THE GUY OFF HIS FEET!
IT'S A DONE DEAL, SISTER. ONCE THE PRINCE SETS HIS PEEPERS ON EITHER ONE OF US, HE'LL BE BESOTTED AND...
...BEWITCHED. YES SISTER, HE'LL NO STAND A CHANCE AGAINST OUR STUNNIN' BEAUTY AND ALL 'ROUND DAINTINESS!
"AT THAT, THE SISTERS DEPARTED TO THE MAIN EVENT, NOT GIVING SANDARELLA ANOTHER THOUGHT. YOU COULD SEE THEIR POINT, FOR SHE WAS THE LOWLIEST OF THE LOW, WITH RAGS FOR CLOTHES AND SANDALS FOR FOOTWEAR. SHE HAD NO CHANCE OF GETTING INTO THE BALL, NEVER MIND WINNING THE PRINCE'S HEART.
HEY, DON'T CRY!
YOU'LL ALWAYS BE A PRINCESS TO US!
"FORSOOTH, A FAIRY GODMOTHER THERE THEN APPEARED--
DON'T SPEAK, FOR I AM AKU FAIRY GODMOTHER, AND I KNOW YOUR HEART'S DESIRE!
FOR SANDARELLA--
--YOU WILL GO TO THE BALL!
Pling
OH, TIC AND TOE--ARE YOU GUYS OKAY?
AH, SURE. WE'RE FINE.
BEING A GLASS SLIPPER SURE IS WEIRD, THOUGH!
"OUTSIDE, AKU'S ATTENTION NOW FELL ON A METAL GARDEN SHED. INSIDE THE SHED RESIDED A FAULTY TOASTER AND SOME OILY ENGINE PARTS."


"YOU KNOW, IT IS AMAZING WHAT YOU CAN GET FROM THE MOST BASIC OF MATERIALS AND SOME MAGIC PIXIE DUST!
DON'T FORGET! THE SPELL RUNS OUT AT MIDNIGHT. BYEEEE!
FZZZ-- YER COACH AWAITS MY LOVERLY-- FZZZ
"AND SO TO THE PRINCE'S BALL DID SANDARELLA GO.
"WHERE SHE AND THE PRINCE SPENT THE REST OF THE NIGHT BOOGYING DOWN!
"SUCH WAS SANDARELLA'S AMAZING TRANSFORMATION, HER STEPSISTERS DID NOT EVEN RECOGNIZE HER. ALL THE SAME JEALOUSY FLARED UP IN THEIR EYEBALLS."
I MEAN-- WHAT DOES HE SEE IN HER THAT HE COULDN'T POSSIBLY SEE IN US?
AYE, THE LADDIE HAS GOT A SCREW LOOSE SOMEWHERE!
BONG
PLEASE WAIT...
OH NO...
"BUT THE CLOCK HAD STRUCK MIDNIGHT, THE SPELL HAD REVERSED, AND SANDARELLA, DRESSED IN RAGS, TOOK FLIGHT WITH NOTHING TO TAKE HER HOME BUT A GARDEN SHED, SOME ENGINE PARTS AND A FAULTY TOASTER.
"NOW THE PRINCE WAS LOVE STRUCK AND WOULD NOT TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER. HE TOOK THE SLIPPER-NOW-A-LOWLY-SANDAL IN HIS HAND AND SAID--
WHOEVER THE SHOE FITS--SHE SHALL BE MY BRIDE!
NAME'S TIC. PLEASED TA MEETCHA!
"NORMALLY TIC DID NOT SPEAK TO STRANGERS, BUT THIS TIME IT WOULD MAKE AN EXCEPTION."


"SO THE PRINCE AND HIS ENTOURAGE SEARCHED THE LAND FAR AND WIDE UNTIL THEY CAME ACROSS A LITTLE SHOE SHOP.
CALL THAT A SHOE?
AIGHEE! KEEP IT AWAY FROM ME!
"TIC WAS NOT INTERESTED IN EITHER STEPSISTER, RATHER IT WAS LOOKING FOR...
"...ITS SOLE MATE!
TOE!
TIC!
"NORMALLY TIC AND TOE DON'T SPEAK... AH, YOU KNOW THE REST.
"AS FOR SANDARELLA, SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY JUST WEARING MORE THAN ONE SHOE AGAIN, BUT ADDED TO THIS--
NOW I HAVE MYSELF A PRINCESS!
"THERE WAS A GREAT ROYAL WEDDING AND EVERYONE LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER! WELL, AFTER THE SHOCK, THAT IS, OF SEEING SANDARELLA'S SHOES!
"AS FOR SANDARELLA'S WICKED STEPSISTERS, THEY CRIED INTO THEIR HANDKERCHIEFS NON-STOP FOR TWENTY DAYS BLOWING ALL KINDS OF NASTY STUFF OUT OF THEIR NOSES!"
HAPPY ENDINGS ARE WONDERFUL!
HAPPY ENDINGS ARE BORING.
NEED TO TAKE MY SHOES OFF--MY FEET ARE KILLING ME...!
AIGHHEE THE SMELL!
OOH THE STINK-- GO AWAY, AKU!
WICKED, DREADED AKU NOT BANISHED BY SAMURAI JACK-- BUT BY HIS OWN SMELLY FEET!
WELL AT LEAST UNTIL HE WASHES THEM! MAYBE HE COULD GET ONE OF HIS EVIL MINIONS TO RUN HIM A BATH...
THE END


I'VE GOT A SECRET.
IT'S NOT THAT I'M A MEMBER OF A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION THAT FIGHTS EVIL ADULT SCOOPER VILLAINS.
KND
2
3
4
IT'S NOT THAT MY FATHER WAS THE GREATEST MEMBER OF THAT ORGANIZATION EVER.
AND IT'S NOT THAT I WEAR RAINBOW MONKEY UNDERWEAR.
WAIT... DID I JUST SAY THAT OUT LOUD?



CODENAME: KIDS NEXT DOOR IN OPERATION: S.L.I.T.H.E.R. (SNAKE-LIKE ICKY TIES HAVE ENDANGERED RESIDENTS)

WINDSOR KNOT WRITER—MR. WARBURTON
PRATT KNOT PENCILLER—MAURICE FONTENOT
BOLO TIE INKER—THE IGUANA CRAVAT LOVIN' LETTERER—TRAVIS LANHAM
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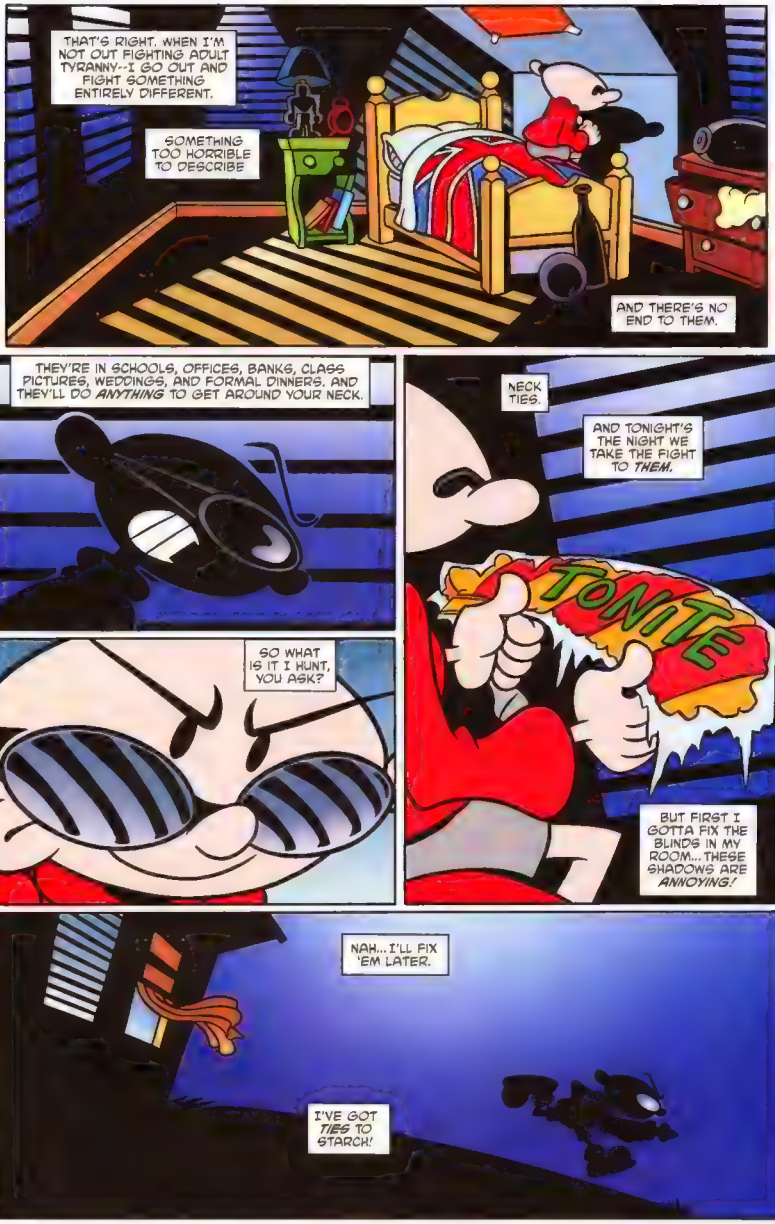

THAT'S RIGHT. WHEN I'M NOT OUT FIGHTING ADULT TYRANNY--I GO OUT AND FIGHT SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT.
SOMETHING TOO HORRIBLE TO DESCRIBE
AND THERE'S NO END TO THEM.
THEY'RE IN SCHOOLS, OFFICES, BANKS, CLASS PICTURES, WEDDINGS, AND FORMAL DINNERS. AND THEY'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET AROUND YOUR NECK.
NECK TIES.
AND TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT WE TAKE THE FIGHT TO THEM.
TONITE
BUT FIRST I GOTTA FIX THE BLINDS IN MY ROOM... THESE SHADOWS ARE ANNOYING!
SO WHAT IS IT I HUNT, YOU ASK?
NAH... I'LL FIX 'EM LATER.
I'VE GOT TIES TO STARCH!

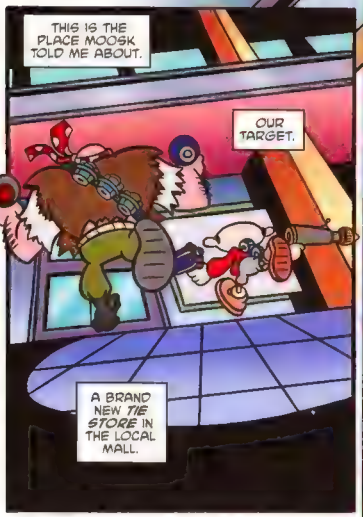
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING...
THE ONLY TIE THAT'S EVER HURT YOU IS THE PUKEY PURPLE AND GREEN ONE YOUR UNCLE SHECKY WEARS.
BUT THESE TIES WILL HURT MORE THAN YOUR EYES...
THESE TIES ARE ALIVE! AND ONCE THEY GET AROUND YOUR NECK IT'S--
KHAKACHAK
SHUNK
WHA?!
YOU ARE GETTING WITH THE SLOWNESS. IF I WAS A TIE I WOULD HAVE YOUR NECK!
AND YOU'RE GETTING NOISY. A TIE COULD HEAR YOU COMING ELEVENTY MILES AWAY.

THEN LET THOSE BE THE LAST MISTAKES WE MAKE TONIGHT, EH?
IT IS MUCH GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, NIGEL UNO, YOUNG FRIEND.
GOOD TO SEE YOU TOO, MOOSK. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.
YES, THE TIME HAS BEEN LONG. I TRUST YOU STILL KNOW HOW TO FIGHT A TIE?
DO YOU STILL KNOW HOW TO SHAVE YOUR HEAD?
THEN LET US BE WITH THE DOING OF THIS THING.
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING...
MALL
SINCE WHEN DOES NIGEL UNO, AKA NUMBUH ONE, LEADER OF KIDS NEXT DOOR SECTOR V, HANG OUT WITH AN ADULT?
WELL, A LONG TIME AGO, THAT ADULT SAVED MY LIFE FROM THE BIGGEST, MOST GIHOOGIC QUEEN NECK-TIE YOU'VE EVER SEEN.
AND THEN HE SAVED IT AGAIN. AND AGAIN. AND AGAIN.
AND I'VE DONE THE SAME FOR MOOSK ON ALMOST AS MANY OCCASIONS.
I'D SAY THAT'S GOOD REASON TO TRUST ANYONE-- KID OR ADULT.
THAT AND HE MAKES SOME MEAN PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES.

JUST DON'T TELL MY FRIENDS IN THE *KND*--THEY MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND.
GOOD. SO LET'S GEAR UP.
IS IT UP THERE?
EXACTNESS.
YOU SAID THERE'D BE A LOT OF TIES IN THERE, SO TAKE AS MANY *STARCH GUNS* AS YOU CAN CARRY.
AND DID YOU BRING WHAT *YOU* WERE SUPPOSED TO BRING, MOOSK?
WE CAN'T NOT BE FIGHTING TIES WITHOUT *PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES!*
OF COURSE, COMRADE!

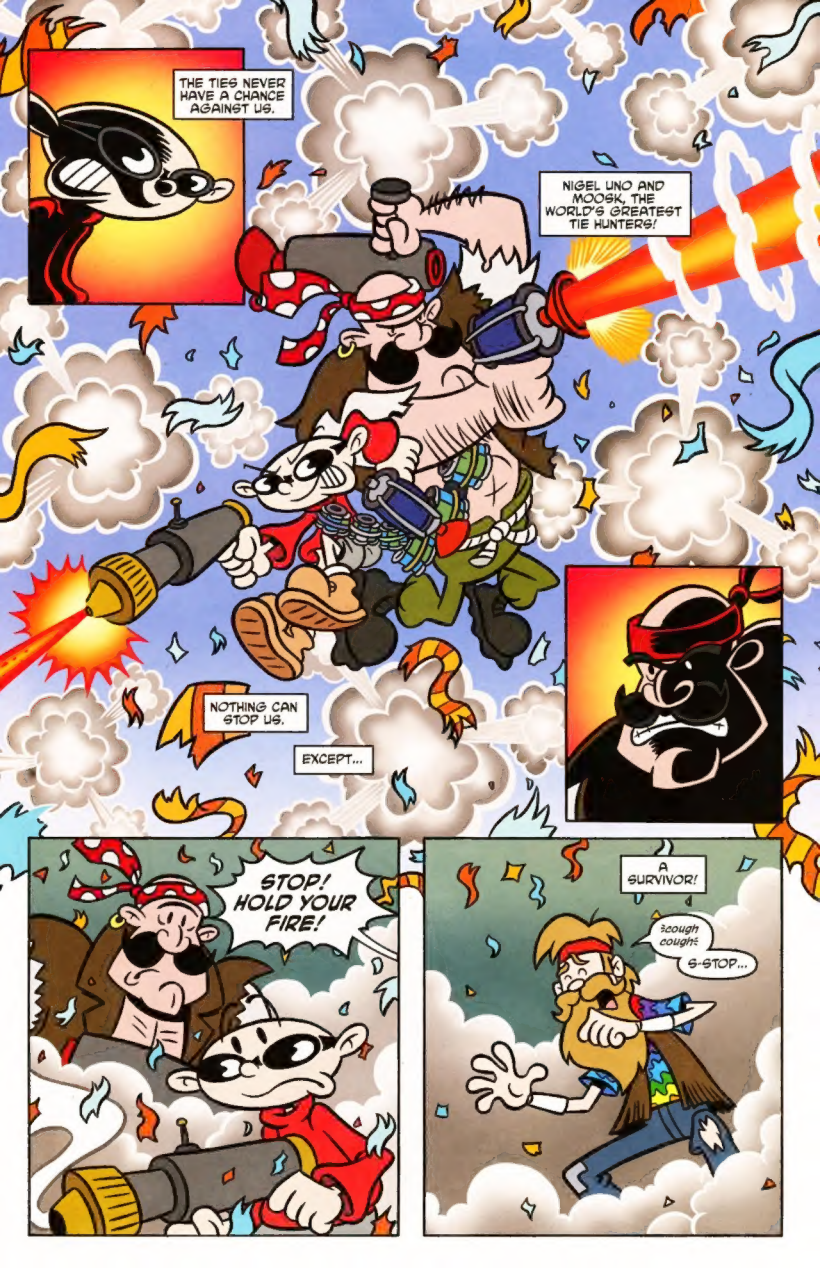
LIKE I SAID...
THE MAN MAKES MEAN COOKIES.
CRUNCHCA CRUNCHA

BUT ENOUGH ABOUT GOOD BAKING...
...WE CAME HERE TO KICK TIE.


THIS IS THE PLACE MOOSK TOLD ME ABOUT.
OUR TARGET.
A BRAND NEW TIE STORE IN THE LOCAL MALL.

KRASH
BUDDABUDDABUDDA
KA THOOM
WE HIT IT.
HARD.

GET READY! HERE COMES A
HEE HEE!
SUPER FRIENDS SUPER STUMPER
BY SHOLLY FISCH & TY TEMPLETON
THIS WORD IS SOMETHING YOU NEED AT THE BEACH.
1
UH OH! MISTER MXYZPTLK HAS PULLED ONE OF HIS MAGICAL PRANKS! HE MADE THESE COMMON WORDS AND PHRASES COME TO LIFE!
CAN YOU FIGURE OUT THE WORDS, AND BREAK THE MAGIC SPELL?
BUTTERFLY
THIS IS SOMETHING YOU'LL FIND AT A POOL.
CANNONBALL!
2
HERE'S SOMETHING YOU'D FIND IN A RING.
JAB JAB
3
AND THIS ONE'S PART OF A BASEBALL TEAM.
STOP
DON'T CALL ME PEE-WEE!
4
YOU MIGHT PUT YOUR PET IN ONE OF THESE.
HERE BOY!
WOOF!
5
HOW MANY DID YOU GET? TURN THE PAGE OVER TO CHECK YOUR ANSWERS.
ANSWERS: 1. BATHING SUIT. 2. DIVING BOARD. 3. BOXING GLOVE. 4. SHORTSTOP. 5. DOGHOUSE.
FOR MORE ADVENTURES, PUZZLES, AND FUN, READ
DC SUPER FRIENDS
ON SALE EVERY MONTH!


THE TIES NEVER HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST US.
NIGEL UNO AND MOOSK, THE WORLD'S GREATEST TIE HUNTERS!
NOTHING CAN STOP US.
EXCEPT...
STOP! HOLD YOUR FIRE!
A SURVIVOR!
cough cough
S-STOP...

DO NOT BE WITH THE WORRYING! WE ARE HERE TO DESTROY THE DEADLY NECKTIES IN THIS STORE!
cough NECKTIES? WHAT ARE YOU DUDES TALKING ABOUT?
THIS IS A TIE-DYE SHIRT STORE!
AND YOU JUST TRASHED IT!
HE MIGHT BE THE WORLD'S GREATEST TIE HUNTER.
AND MAKE AWESOME PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES.
BUT MOOSK DOESN'T ALWAYS GET THE BEST INFORMATION.
HEY, LESS NARRATING AND MORE CLEANING UP, DUDE! MY BOSS WILL BE HERE SOON AND THIS PLACE BETTER BE SPOTLESS!
END TRANSMISSION.

Send your letters today:

JOHNNY DC SAYS: LET THE MAIL BEGIN!

It's time to unleash your inner hero! BEN 10: ALIEN FORCE is back with SEASON THREE! Get ready for awesome adventures and old rivals in the 1-hour season premiere on Friday, September 11th at 8:30 pm. And be sure to tune in every Friday for new episodes -- only on CN!

DRAWING BY RYAN GLUCHOWSKI

Dear Johnny DC,

I love BEN 10! I have watched every episode since season one and have all on DVD. I have all of the toys and love every one of them! I love to play "Alien Force" on my Wii with my mom or dad. I wish it had all of the aliens.

Ryan Gluchowski, age 7
New Jersey

By my count, Ben is up to 60 aliens right now. That would be a lot of work for the poor game programmer. Maybe in the next edition?
— Johnny DC

DRAWING BY RYAN GLUCHOWSKI

Dear Johnny DC,

I love CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK! My favorite action shows on Cartoon Network are BEN 10: ALIEN FORCE, THE SECRET SATURDAYS, and BATMAN: THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD. One of the things I want to tell you is that Cartoon Network kind-of pranked me when they started doing the ads for THE SECRET SATURDAYS. I thought the name of the show was "Weird World."

In issue #36, I read one of the letters saying that some kid wanted you to make a comic book of the Kids Next Door "Operation Z.E.R.O." movie, and you said "no." Actually you can -- you just have to separate into different parts.

Cody McKinley
Lynn, Massachusetts

You mean we should publish a separate OPERATION: KIDS NEXT DOOR comic book and a SECRET SATURDAYS comic book, and SAMURAI JACK, etc.? That would be cool, but I don't think it's going to happen right now.

I'm sure Cartoon Network wasn't trying to trick you, Cody -- they were just trying to raise your curiosity about the upcoming SECRET SATURDAYS. I mean, how boring would it be to just come out and say, "Hey guys, watch our new show, starting next Friday?" I guess everybody knows now that "Weird World" is the show-within-a-show that the villainous Argost produces.
— Johnny DC

DRAWING BY JOHN MORENO, AGE 8

Dear Johnny DC,

I'm a huge SPACE GHOST fan and I'd like to know if you were planning to do any more SPACE GHOST comics.

Andrew Adkins
Ripley, Tennessee

I'm a SPACE GHOST fan too -- and HERCULOIDS (*sigh*) -- but we usually concentrate on the new shows.
— Johnny DC

DRAWING BY ANDREW ADKINS

NEXT MONTH: Jan, Jace, and Huckleberry Hound hunt for the Great Grape Ape, far down in -- hold on, that can't be right. Let's try again...

Next issue, Ben and his friends discover a DNAliens communications tower that's ruining their ski vacation. Then, Samurai Jack remembers his dear ol' dad to help him escape from the clutches of a giant robot!

Write to Johnny DC!
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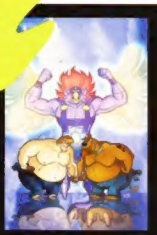

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